

Raising A President: The Story of Rachel Clark & Jimmy Carter

Dates/Time: February 11th, 18TH, 25TH, & March 3rd, 2016 | 10:00 AM ONLY

Location: Jimmy Carter Library and Museum Theater

Cost: Free with Paid Admission to the Museum. Children 16 & under ALWAYS FREE.



“Except for my own parents, the people who most deeply affected my early life were Bishop Johnson, Rachel Clark, my Uncle Buddy, Julia Coleman, and Willis Wright. Two of them were white.” ~ Jimmy Carter

Acclaimed actress Joanna Maddox presents a one-woman show on the life and wisdom of Rachel Clark, a small, quiet, childless black woman on the Carters’ farm who had a lasting influence on the would-be president.

In the 1920s and 1930s, only the Carter family and one other in Archery, Georgia, were white. Twenty-five families were African Americans, and most of them, like Jack and Rachel Clark, were tenants on the Carter farm or others nearby. Jack Clark ran the farm on behalf of Jimmy’s father, Earl Carter, Sr. To young Jimmy Carter, Ms. Rachel was a teacher and friend. She and her husband Jack enjoyed having him in their home, and she took him on long walks across the farm. Rachel talked easily to Jimmy about religious and moral values, and he listened. When his parents were away, Jimmy Carter often stayed with the Clarks. “Except in my own room,” he later wrote, their house “was where I felt most at home.”

“Joanna’s performance captures with great feeling and accuracy a woman who had a major impact on my life. Her performance made me fall in love with Rachel Clark all over again.” ~ Jimmy Carter